

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of playing a gaming system played by a plurality of players where a jackpot is awarded, the method comprising:

players playing an underlying wagering game in which wagers are made by players;
when an outcome occurs in the underlying wagering game that identifies that a jackpot is to be awarded to at least one of said players ~~player~~, entering a special bonus event for at least all of said players presently playing the underlying wagering game, the special bonus event providing a chance to be awarded bonuses; and

randomly awarding bonuses to some of the at least all of said players in addition to any awards the some of the at least all of said players may win during continued play of the underlying wagering game.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the underlying game is a casino table game.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the underlying game is played on a slot-type wagering apparatus.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the slot-type wagering apparatus is a networked wagering apparatus.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the jackpot is a progressive jackpot.

6. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the bonuses do not decrement the jackpot.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the bonuses do not decrement the jackpot.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the bonuses do not decrement the jackpot.

9. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein bonuses are awarded to more than one but less than all players.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 ~~wherein~~ further comprising excluding the player who received the jackpot from entering the special bonus events ~~may not participate in play for bonus awards~~.

11. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein bonuses are awarded to more than one but less than all players.

12. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein bonuses are awarded to more than one but less than all players.

13. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein bonuses are awarded to more than one but less than all players.

14. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein bonuses are awarded to more than one but less than all players.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12 ~~wherein~~ further comprising excluding the player who received the jackpot from entering the special bonus events ~~may not participate in play for bonus awards~~.

16. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the bonus is selected from the group consisting of immediate random bonus awards, immediate play bonus awards, mini-jackpot awards, free play awards, electronic game tickets, physical game tickets, and combinations thereof.

17. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the bonus is selected from the group consisting of immediate random bonus awards, immediate play bonus awards, mini-jackpot

awards, free play awards, electronic game tickets, physical game tickets, and combinations thereof.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the bonus is selected from the group consisting of immediate random bonus awards, immediate play bonus awards, mini-jackpot awards, free play awards, electronic game tickets, physical game tickets, and combinations thereof.

19. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the bonus is selected from the group consisting of immediate random bonus awards, immediate play bonus awards, mini-jackpot awards, free play awards, electronic game tickets, physical game tickets, and combinations thereof.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the bonus is selected from the group consisting of immediate random bonus awards, immediate play bonus awards, mini-jackpot awards, free play awards, electronic game tickets, physical game tickets, and combinations thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of playing a gaming system played by a plurality of players where a jackpot is awarded, the method comprising:

players playing an underlying wagering game in which wagers are made by players;
when an outcome occurs in the underlying wagering game that identifies that a jackpot is to be awarded to at least one player, entering a special bonus event for at least all players presently playing the underlying wagering game, the special bonus event providing a chance to be awarded bonuses; and

randomly awarding bonuses to some of the at least all players in addition to any awards the some of the at least all players may win during continued play of the underlying wagering game, wherein the bonuses to some of the at least all players is based upon a progressive bonus jackpot.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the jackpot is not a progressive jackpot.